

KDHE Bids Pezzino Farewell



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Dr. Gianfranco Pezzino (left) visits with KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby during a farewell reception for Pezzino in the Secretary's Conference Room February 19 – Pezzino's last day with the agency.

After almost nine years as the state's epidemiologist and medical director for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Pezzino resigned to accept a position with the Kansas Health Institute as Director for Public Health Studies.

"Dr. Pezzino's knowledge and skills have been invaluable to KDHE over the past decade," said KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby. "In the past year alone, he and his team of epidemiologists have been instrumental in the further development of our Bioterrorism Program, planning and implementing the smallpox vaccination clinics around the state, responding to many infectious disease issues including a large Cryptosporidiosis outbreak, the first confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus and suspect SARS cases in the state."

"Dr. Pezzino will be greatly missed, and I wish him much success in his new position with KHI," Bremby added.